

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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This week, Merck & Co. voluntarily recalled 1.2 million doses of a vaccine given to infants and toddlers to protect them from pneumonia, meningitis, and upper respiratory infections. The recall was issued as a precautionary measure as no contamination or harm to any child has been reported.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is not recommending children who received the recalled vaccine get re-vaccinated. If a parent has concerns about their child, they should contact their local health care provider.

For more information on this recall, go to the Indiana State Department of Health's Web site at www.statehealth.in.gov.

Last week the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced publication of an interim final rule revising food packages provided by the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). At the ceremony to roll out this new food package, Acting Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Conner said, "The new food packages are designed to improve the nutrition and health of our nation's low-income pregnant women, new mothers, infants and young children with nutrition education, and more fruits, vegetables and whole grains to greatly improve dietary quality." USDA thanks all of its partners, including faith-based and community organizations, who have helped to strengthen the WIC program over the years. A full transcript of the Acting Secretary Conner's remarks at the event can be found at:

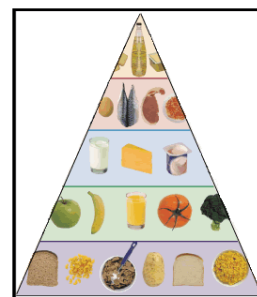
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WIC provides low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five with nutritious supplemental foods. The program also provides nutrition education and referrals to health and social services. More than eight million participants receive WIC benefits each month, with a federal investment of over \$5 billion in FY 2006.

For more information about how your organization can partner with USDA Food and Nutrition Service to strengthen the WIC Program and reach more people in need, please visit www.fns.usda.gov/wic/.

Another USDA resource for expectant women and new mothers is "My Pyramid for Moms." This website helps pregnant or breastfeeding women get the nutrition guidance they need to help themselves and their babies stay healthy. To access this resource, please visit:

<http://www.mypyramid.gov/mypyramidmoms/index.html>.



Click below to check out upcoming training opportunities on the OFBCI website.

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

If you have a training opportunity you would like considered for inclusion on the Training Calendar, please send the information to jgegel@ofbci.in.gov



The First Candle Organization received an \$11 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to conduct a ground-breaking campaign to prevent infant deaths due to unsafe sleep practices. The campaign, **Bedtime Basics for Babies**, will combine a crib distribution component for families in need with a wide-spread public and professional education component to demonstrate its effectiveness at influencing infant sleeping practices and saving infant lives. The scope of the project will focus efforts in the states of Indiana and Washington, as well as the District of Columbia. Over a seven-year period, it is anticipated that approximately 200,000 cribs will be distributed to families in need and at-risk.

The Indiana State Department of Health is working with our Community Council on Infant Health and Survival and other perinatal health partners in the state to develop a statewide steering committee.

Information on the Bedtime Basics for Babies campaign can be found at www.firstcandle.org or by calling 1-800-221-7437.

Campfire USA "Prepare Today – Lead Tomorrow" Teen Toolkit Now Available

Prepare Today – Lead Tomorrow is a teen service-learning experience developed through a grant from Learn and Serve America by Campfire USA staff from across the country. The goals of the initiative are to engage teens in intensive community preparedness experiences, foster teen leadership, and improve individual, school, and community preparedness. To learn more, email dd.gass@campfireusa.org or visit <http://www.campfire.org/start.asp>



Become A Free The Children Youth In Action Group



Free The Children is the world's largest network of children helping children through education and has several opportunities available to learn about and take action for poverty, education, health, and child rights. To learn more, visit <http://www.freethechildren.com/>

Foreign Drug Manufacturers

According to a report recently released by the Government Accountability Office, over 2,000 foreign drug manufacturers subject to inspection by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration may never have been visited by agency inspectors. This lack of oversight poses serious safety concerns for American patients, which are further compounded by the fact that a quarter (714) of these foreign drug manufacturers are from China. A recent article in the New York Times reported that pharmaceutical ingredients exported from China are often made by chemical companies that are neither certified nor inspected by Chinese drug regulators. Source: Ward Health Strategies



"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: The Drum Major Instinct
(Delivered February 4, 1968)

January 21, 2008 is a state and federal holiday, a chance to celebrate Dr. King's life with service. Congress passed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service in 1994, making Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a "day ON, not a day OFF." Plan your project now to build a stronger community, help people in need, and empower individuals while bridging barriers at the same time. Help make Dr. King's dream a reality.

Help Build a Stronger Community

Remove graffiti or clean up a park
Build a playground
Join the neighborhood watch group
Shovel the sidewalks for the disabled and elderly
Create a "Unity Hand Wreath"

Empower Individuals

Sign up to be a mentor
Read a story about Martin Luther King, Jr. to children at the Library
Teach job interview and resume skills
Teach senior citizens how to surf the web

Help People in Need

Collect toys or clothing to donate to a shelter
Take meals to homebound neighbors
Visit a veteran's home, nursing home, or senior center and play games, talk, or sing with the residents
Make disaster kits and give them to your local Red Cross

Visit www.mlkday.org for more ideas and a toolkit to help plan your day of service.

Look for events planned in Indiana in the next edition of Friday Night Facts!



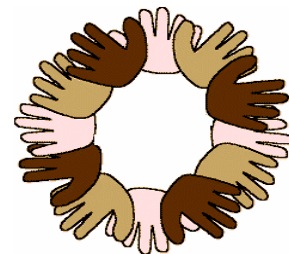
Create a "Unity Hand Wreath" in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day

Materials Needed:

Construction Paper
Scissors
Glue
Markers

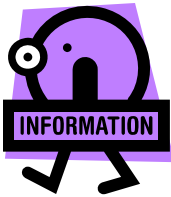
Instructions:

Place a piece of the paper on the table
Using a marker, trace around your hand with all of your fingers extended
Ask an adult to cut around the handprint using the scissors
Write your name on the handprint
Glue the handprints in a circle, with the fingers facing out
Hang the "Unity Hand Wreath" in a visible area for others to admire



For more ideas to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Service day please visit www.mlkday.gov

Graphic Information: <http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/munitywreath.htm>



Krieg DeVault Nonprofit Alert - Permissible and Prohibited Political Activities

As the 2008 Presidential election season begins to heat up, the IRS has released guidance regarding the permissible and prohibited political activities of tax-exempt organizations. As you may be aware, organizations exempt from tax by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are prohibited from directly or indirectly participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for federal, state, or local public office. Revenue Ruling 2007-41 provides 21 examples which illustrate when a tax-exempt organization has participated or intervened in a political campaign. Highlights of those examples include:

Non-Partisan Voter Activities

Tax-exempt organizations may conduct voter education activities, such as presentations in public forums and publication of voter education guides, so long as they are non-partisan in nature. In addition, tax-exempt organizations may encourage individuals to participate in the electoral process through voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, if these are also non-partisan in nature. Voter-related activities which are conducted in a biased, partisan manner are prohibited.

Candidate Appearances

A tax-exempt organization may invite political candidates to speak at its events. An organization may also invite several candidates for the same office to speak at a forum. However, numerous factors will be evaluated to determine whether the tax-exemption organization is conducted in a non-partisan manner and deemed to be a permissible political activity. Candidates may also appear or speak at a tax-exempt organization's events in a non-candidate capacity.

Issue Advocacy

A tax-exempt organization may take positions on public policy issues, including issues that divide candidates in an election. However, a tax-exempt organization risks violating the political campaigning prohibition if such policy position includes a message that favors or opposes a particular candidate, even if the message doesn't expressly tell an audience to vote for or against a particular candidate.

Organization Leaders

Leaders of tax-exempt organizations are not prohibited from speaking about important issues of public policy. However, for the tax-exempt organization to avoid violating the political campaign prohibition, a leader must not make partisan comments in the tax-exempt organization's official publications or at official functions. A leader's partisan comments must be in his or her individual capacity.

Business Activity and Websites

Tax-exempt organizations must also be aware of participating or intervening in a political campaign in the context of a business activity, including the selling or renting of mailing lists, the leasing of office space, or the acceptance of paid political advertising. In addition, tax-exempt organizations must be aware that messages posted on the tax-exempt organization's website can violate the political campaign prohibition. Links to candidate-related material will be evaluated under a "facts and circumstances" test to determine whether a political campaign prohibition has occurred.

If you have any questions, please call Adam Shields at (317) 238-6312.

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Give a Little Back for the Holidays this Year!!!!

The Indiana Commission for Women is holding a "Help for the Holidays" drive to collect food, supplies, gifts, and other goodies that are needed by Domestic Violence/ Sexual Violence shelters and survivors of abuse.

THEY NEED OUR HELP!!!! Help them out by donating the following items:

Gently Used Clothing

- Plus size clothing
- Children's clothing
- Bras
- Blouses
- Pajamas
- Pants
- Socks
- Coats
- Gloves
- Winter Hats
- Scarves
- Miscellaneous

Non-perishable Food:

- Canned goods
- Boxed Dinners
- Powdered formula
- Baby food
- Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Miscellaneous
- Napkins
- Paper plates



Donations will be accepted until
January 20, 2008.

All items will be donated to Domestic
Violence/Sexual Assault Shelters in Central
Indiana

Please take all donated items to:
Indiana Government Center South, Room
W252 (Second Floor)
When we they aren't in the office, there will be
a box outside the door.

Toiletries

- Toilet Paper
- Hand Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Body Poofs (new)
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Mouthwash
- Sanitary Pads
- Miscellaneous

School Supplies:

- Notepads
- Folders
- Pencils
- Ink Pens
- Crayons
- Tape
- Glue/ Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils
- Binders